

Milton Probus Pulse



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Next Meeting: Wednesday, Mar.2nd, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.. (via Zoom)

From the Vice President: (William Scarrow 905-878-7176; billy@scarrow.ca)



Your management committee met yesterday without the wisdom of our commander in chief, Shirley Mathews who is temporarily missing in action.

We wish her well.

The meeting agenda included the **re-opening** to in-person general meetings, special interest group meetings and special events, which we all enjoyed before Covid.

The committee decided to **aim for** the first re-opening in-person general meeting for May. It was determined re-opening in-person for April, which is our Annual meeting was not feasible given the work needed for re-opening. This work includes dusting off the equipment used for general meetings including the club computer and projecting and sound equipment, which has been stored in my closet for the past two years.

We look forward to throwing off the shackles of Covid and “living again” **BUT with a caveat:**

“Providing an environment that minimizes risks of transmission of COVID-19 based on best practices and public health guidelines”

We welcome your comments on re-opening as not only is the physical environment important, but also important is our member comfort level in restarted in-person meetings.

Other items on the agenda included the new members of the management committee proposed whose names will be published in this edition of Pulse by David Wentzell.

I am personally looking forward to our Club operations for this year and being able to meet all of our members in-person again.

Following are some images from our Zoom Wine Club meeting last night. It represents my thoughts on our Covid journey.



From the Past President: (David Wentzel 905-878-5862; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)

Club Management Team for 2022

Since its founding 16 years ago, Milton Probus Club has been blessed to have a dedicated team of volunteers take positions of responsibility on the Management Team. In my role as Past President, it has been my duty to coordinate the succession of the management of the Club with a slate of nominees for the open positions for the 2022 year. Management terms are structured as two-year terms with staggered end dates to ensure that there is always a core of experienced Management at the table.

I am pleased to announce that we have a full slate of Management nominees for the terms starting in 2022. The slate which will be presented at the Club Annual General Meeting in April is as follows:

Vice President: Henry Popp
Treasurer: Alice Carey (for a second term)
Membership: Nancy Lynn
Communications: Website: Brian Murphy
Special Events: (2 positions): Darlene Scarrow
Heddy Wright

As I spoke to many of you with invitations to take on the open management positions, it became clear to me that the list of names and pictures of past presidents in the Membership Directory tells only a small part of the story. The full story is that there is a veritable host of our active members who have, since 2006, given generously of their time and talents to serve the club in the full range of management positions. I know that with that experience, you will join me and all of the Club in thanking our 2022 slate of Management nominees for keeping Probus Club of Milton vibrant and strong.

From the Membership Director: (Anne Eadie, 905-878-7143; eadies@cogeco.ca)

The 2022 membership renewal process is now complete! I am happy to report a total of 117 people have renewed their membership for 2022. Thank you to you all for supporting the Probus Milton for another year. Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to 34 of our members who chose not to renew, some people commented that they may rejoin at a later time when things are more “open” again.

As our maximum membership is 160 there is plenty of room for new members so put on your thinking caps and introduce some friends to the Club – there is still interesting speakers at meetings and some special interest groups going on via Zoom for all to enjoy, and eventually we will be able to meet and enjoy in-person.

From our Editor: (David Hunt 905-875-0350: david.hunt@cogeco.ca)

Crime Stoppers of Halton, in partnership with the Halton Region Police Service, is hosting a free webinar on Frauds & Scams. March is Fraud Awareness month and Crime Stoppers of Halton and Halton Regional Police Service know that information is the key to preventing these types of crimes.

Recognize, reject and report fraud!

This free Frauds and Scams webinar will take place from 10:30AM – 12:30PM, on Thursday March 10, 2022.

Registration and information can be found at

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/272126968087>

From our Special Events Director: (Henry Popp 905-876-3241: 19hooper38@gmail.com)

February Event

Cooking demonstration



The ongoing Covid lockdown has put the pressure on us to continue to think of special events using Zoom. As much as we will all be thrilled when the Covid restrictions are no longer in place, the cooking shows that we have held have had a lot of appeal and worked well.

Valentine's Day was a perfect excuse to have another cooking show, so on February 15th some twenty-eight Milton Probus members met again via Zoom to watch Chef Philip Bernardino create some delicious hot and cold tapas, a delicious dessert and strawberry mojitos. There was a good mix of active cooks, while quite a few preferred to watch and would cook later, and yet others simply watched and learned. We afterwards

received some e-mails from members saying what fun they had, how patient Philip was with all the questions and how great the food was.

Many thanks to Philip Bernardino for another great cooking demonstration, and a big thank you to Nancy and David Lynn for providing the photographs.



From Our Program Directors: (Carol Streeter 343-996-7519,
Carole & Brian Budworth 905-878-8545)

The speaker for March will be **George Sanford**- The Sensual World of the Seasons



George Sanford

George Sanford will present on the sensual world of the seasons with images and music. Our world in all its glory.

From our Fellowship Director: (Patricia McIntyre 905-876-4040; pat.mcintyre@sympatico.ca)

Greeting Cards



Dear Probus Members:

If you are aware of a member who is ill, hospitalized or lost a loved one, please advise the Fellowship Team or a member of the Management Committee.

Pat McIntyre..905 876 4040 pat.mcintyre@sympatico.ca

Thank you.



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- 1) An up-close look at the rugged beauty of the Niagara Escarpment – one of Halton’s natural treasures
- 2) A lesson from the cedars: “Persevere and you can Grow Anywhere”

Special Interest Groups

5 Friday Bid Euchre (Joe & Zina Yaworski 905-878-3959; joe_zina@hotmail.com)

It was an enjoyable afternoon on Friday February 11th when some members of the Friday Bid Euchre group got together online to play.

We all admit that online playing is just not the same as in person but it was nice to get a chance to chat and play some bid euchre. There were some exciting moments when special bids were made...some were successful while others were not.

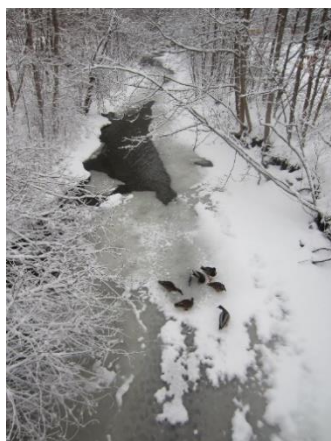
A big "Thank you" to Bob Streeter for the creation of this online game for our use.



7 The Hiking Club (Leader Terry Cole 905-845-0171; terryjane@sympatico.ca)



As we enter into March we can look back at the month of February with a some what jaundised eye and what mother nature dealt us. We experienced the warmth of pending spring, the typical February deep freeze, torrential rains and volumes of snow. On top of that Wiarton Willy forecasted an additional 6 weeks of winter. The included pictures gives us beautiful views of the creek which feeds the Mill pond. The wild life is shown waddling on the ice, isn't that cold on the feet? BRRRRRR.



I also observed some crazy robins bobbing through the trees. All of this combined tended to keep our intrepid hikers cuddled up by the fire and that of course slowed our progression toward our end goal of 90,000,000 steps. February we managed an additional 108,898 step for a grand total of 88,438,214 steps.

The pictures are compliments our newest members James and Wendy Mistruzzi. It would appear we have a new roving photographer in our midst. Hopefully she will continue with photographing our continuing adventures when they begin again. Thanks Wendy I hope you will continue with the photos.

8-1 Jokers (Linda Reid 905-878-7717; dlreid@sympatico.ca)

Thank you Joker Captains (Nancy Lynn, Joe Yaworski, Patricia Kotack, Marlene Murphy, Linda Reid) for arranging all the online Joker games in February. Forty online players were invited to play the Joker Video game. Most had fun playing the online game; there were a few glitches when our cards kept changing or disappearing.

When the Probus Club decides it is safe to hold regular indoor meetings we will start playing indoor Joker games.

Let's hope we can play indoors soon.

8-3 Wee Joker (Brian & Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288; brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com; marlene_murphy@hotmail.com)



March brings longer days and the longing for spring like weather. I did not know that the first two weeks of March are International Procrastination Weeks. I feel like I have been doing that for the last two years.

We will soon see the bulbs pop through the snow as trees, plants and animals wake up from their winter sleep. Daylight saving time arrives on March 13th followed by the first day of Spring on March 20th.

During the month of February, members of the Wee Jokers that were interested in playing online enjoyed a game or two of Jokers. Some members had not seen each other for two years. I hope that in the very near future, we will be playing in person. As things open up, we will assess member's individual comfort level in meeting in small groups.

I encourage members to invite and challenge other members of the Joker club to an online game.

WHEN YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR SPRING

Link to the gameboard, no Zoom required.

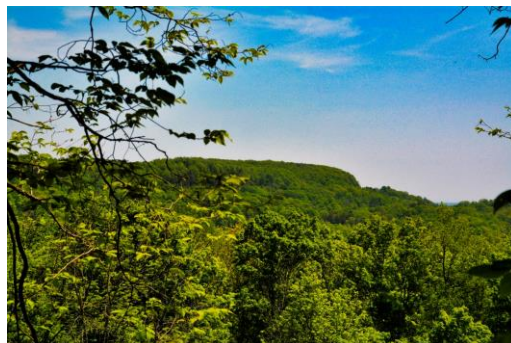
<https://joker4pvideo.herokuapp.com>

It is easy for four people to play. Send an email with an invitation with date and time. Assign each player a number (1 thru 4) and a password. The password will allow each player onto the common game board.

Anyone can play.



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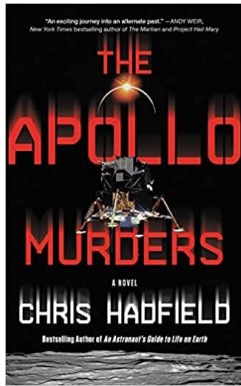


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3) A promise of Spring comes from the bulbs beneath the snow

4) "Things are Looking Up"

9 Spinecrackers (Nancy Lynn 905-319-0191; lynn67.personal@gmail.com)



Spinecrackers discuss many different topics. We spoke at great length of the truckers and the problems they have caused politically and economically. We admired Dan's virtual Zoom background and then we got into the upcoming Probus St. Lawrence cruise and then on to Valentines and the cooking class.

We did get to the book **The Apollo Murders** by Chris Hadfield. We watched a short video of the 1967 NASA moon launch, bringing back our memories of the excitement at that time. Chris Hadfield is a truly accomplished Canadian with many talents.

Even though there are a lot of technical details about guns, planes, space suits and gravity, the Spinecrackers enjoyed the story. We learned a lot of the Russian accomplishments that we were unaware of before reading this book. We predict a movie and possibly a sequel. Thank you to Anne Eadie for her choice this month.



13 Shutterbugs (905-878-5862; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)

Shutterbugs is the Special Interest Group for you if you have any type of camera (yes, even your phone) and you enjoy taking photos of the people and places around you. Through the Pandemic, we have met over Zoom on the third Tuesday of the month at 2 pm to share our pictures and talk about photography and anything else. With COVID-19 limitations expected to be lifted in the near future, we look forward to holding in-person photography outings and events.

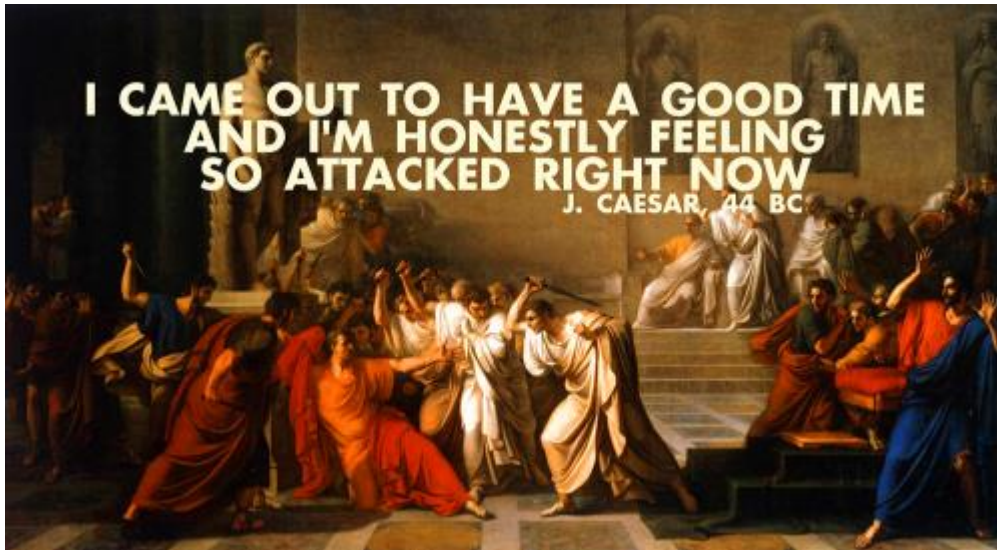
14 Classical Crüe (905-878-5862; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)

For members who attended the Crüe's meeting on February 9, the afternoon was brightened with a full program of **Melodious Mozart** presented by Michael Hooker. The program for the March meeting will focus on the music of Dimitri Shostakovich, the Soviet composer who lived and worked in the turbulent years between 1906 and 1975. We will move beyond the huge legacy of Shostakovich's 15 symphonies to some unexpected gems in his catalogue of music. A bonus of Zoom meetings is that we always have room for more to join us. Also, the technology allows us to share high quality audio and video to enhance our listening experience. Plan to join us for **Shostakovich: The Surprising Soviet**, on Wednesday, March 9 at 2 p.m. using the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86428205075?pwd=a1JFQ1hxUUptSGxIS0tzQkNaUlJEUT09>

JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

(Send your submission for possible inclusion in a future newsletter)



Lucky LEGENDS ABOUT THIS DAY



Hang a horseshoe over your doorway like this - if you hang it the other way, the luck will pour out!

According to Christian legend, St. Patrick used the 3-leaf clover to teach the Irish pagans about the Trinity.



The saying goes: "See a penny pick it up and all day long you'll have good luck". Fills pot o' gold.

MORE AMERICANS ARE CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY THEN EVER BEFORE



ST. PATRICK'S DAY INFOGRAPHICS

HOW AMERICANS CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL DAY?



WEAR GREEN



ATTEND A PRIVATE PARTY



ATTEND A PARTY AT A BAR



DECORATE A HOME OR OFFICE



MAKE A SPECIAL DISHES

THE MOST IRISH AMERICAN CITIES IN THE U.S.A.

BOSTON, MA	21%
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MA	17%
PEABODY, MA	16%
ALBANY, NY	15%
SURACUSE, NY	14%

IRISH BEER CONSUMPTION



DAILY AVERAGE



5.5 MILLION PINTS

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



13 MILLION PINTS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PERCENT PLANNING TO CELEBRATE



The first St. Patrick's Day event was celebrated in March of 1792.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPENDING

With an estimated 5.9 billion spent on the celebration and events for the St. Patrick's Day holiday it is becoming a popular shopping holiday that retailers are beginning to count on to boost their bottom line in the Spring months.



Management Committee: 2021/22

President	Shirley Mathews	905-636-8680
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	Brian Budworth	905-878-8545
	Carole Budworth	905-878-8545
Property Dir.	Robert Streeter	343-999-5245
Secretary	Susan Popp	905-876-3241
Special Events Dir.	Henry Popp	905-876-3241
Treasurer	Alice Carey	905-336-6309

Club Activity Schedule

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Joker</i>	1st Fri. - 1:30 pm	Linda Reid	905-878-7717	dlreid@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers - <i>Jester Joker</i>	2nd Tues.- 1:30 pm	Peter Sneyd	905-693-1708	psneyd@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers – <i>Wee Joker</i>	3rd Fri. - 1:30 pm	Brian Murphy	905-659-2288	brian_e_murphy@hotmail.com
Book Club - <i>Spinecrackers</i>	2nd Thurs. - 1:30 pm	Nancy Lynn	905-319-0191	lynn67.personal@gmail.com
Book Club – <i>Bookies</i>	3 rd Wed – 1:30 pm			
Classical Music	2 nd Wed. – 2:00 pm	David Wentzell	905-878-5862	david.g.wentzell@gmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre - <i>Friday</i>	2nd Fri. – 3:00 pm	Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre – <i>Wednesday</i>	4th Wed. - 1:30 pm	Myra Faichnie	905-878-6615	billmyra@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	4th Thurs. - 1:00 pm	Kathy Sellers	647-227-7036	kathleensellers@hotmail.com
Cards - Canasta	4th Fri. - 1:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
Cards - Euchre	3rd Wed. - 7:30 pm			
Dining – <i>Bits and Bites</i>	3rd Thurs. - 5:00 pm			
Photography	3 rd Tues. – 2:00 pm	David Wentzell	905-878-5862	david.g.wentzell@gmail.com
Probus Info Network - PIN	Online only - no meetings	Bill Turnbull	905-878-9573	turnbullwt@yahoo.com
Tastings – Beer – <i>Suds Sippers</i>	3rd Tues. - 7:00 pm	Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Tastings – Wine - <i>Grape Expectations</i>	4th Tues. - 7:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
Travel – Event Coordinator		Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Walkers – <i>The Hiking Club</i>	Every Mon. - 9:30 am	Terry Cole	905-845-0171	terryjane@sympatico.ca